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Welcome to the "Super Brawl" issue of "AR". Before getting into what will appear in this ish, I'd like to apologize to those that called the week I was away for not getting back to you. I've been bogged down with trying to catch up on mail, watching tapes, not to mention my regular job and the good old family life. We'll look at the PPV card in this ish as well as all the goings on during the weekend which will be covered in "Ramblings". The side events are always alot of fun. Georgia All-Star color man and columnist Scott Hudson is here with his Journal. (Is he paying Beverly for all these lines of the week or what?) Klon will be along with his perceptions on the PPV weekend. And Marianne Ryan has some more notes from the parking lot, but not in Tampa. Eric Krol is a guest columnist this time around with his piece titled "A Night In Titan Hell". He describes the recent Titan taping he went to in Rockford, IL. Of course, results and letters will round out the issue.

Since I will be in Cincinnati on business the last week of May which is the next scheduled publishing date of "AR", I will take another extra week and have the issue cover dated 6/10. I will be attending Herb Abrams UWF PPV on the 9th in Manatee so that will be our feature in that issue. Evan Ginzburg will be back with his piece of mind. The 2 cent man Mike Terry returns as well. And Scott H. will fill us in on any interesting Georgia happenings. At this time I'd like to thank everyone for supporting this sheet. "AR" has really boomed the past 3 months. Without all of your help it wouldn't be possible. Thanks.

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Before getting into the PPV results, here's a change in this issue. Klon will be taking a one issue hiatus. His column will return in two issues. Mike Gunter has a special report on the WCW tapings which took place on 5/13 in Fayetteville, NC. Mike titled his report, "Carolina Wrestling Journal". How original G-Man.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING

SuperBrawl '91
Sunday, May 19, 1991
Bayfront Center
St. Petersburg, FL

Dark Match

Thor pinned El Cubano (David Sierra) with a sunset flip in 6:23. So much for getting the crowd pumped. Most of the fans I looked at weren't paying any attention to this match. Can you blame them? Thor is abysmal. Dud

US Tag Team Championship

The Freebirds defeated the Young Pistols in 10:21 to win the vacant U.S. tag straps. Good action throughout. Brad Armstrong came to the ring to argue about Big Daddy Dink being at ringside. Ref made him go to the back. I haven't seen the tape yet but I was told that Ross and Rhodes barely acknowledged Brad coming out. Lots of "Badstreet" chants from the crowd. When Hayes heard that, he turned to the crowd and said, "DDT". Sure enough the crowd started a "DDT" chant. I'm sure the brass was happy with P.S. for getting the crowd more into the heels. Finish saw the debut of the third Freebird as Fantasia (Brad) came out DDT'd both Pistols from the top rope and the Birds scored the win. John Henrickson said, "Fantasia is the evil Gobbledy Gooker." ***

3rd Match

Dan Spivey powerbombed Ricky Morton in 3:42. Morton had some offense but minimal. He's ready for his heel stint anyway. 3/4*

4th Match

Nikita Koloff beat Tommy Rich with a sickle in 4:32. Pretty bad but what can you expect? Some fan yelled to Tommy, "Thesz press". Klon said, "No, you mean the Barnett squeeze." Dud

Computer Match

Dustin Rhodes over Terry Taylor in 9:05. I still don't know what a computer match is. They never explained it. It wasn't that Ms. York would say what amount of time it would take Terry to win because she didn't do that either. I don't think WCW even figured out what it was. It just sounded good to them. Terry got pinned after Mr. Hughes hit Terry accidentally with a cotton glove. Must have hurt terribly. ** $\frac{1}{4}$

6th Match

Big Josh squashed Black Bart with a seat drop in 4:07. Bart was a sub for Larry Zybysko who is out with a bad knee. Zero heat and this match had no place on a PPV. When they found out Larry wouldn't make it, they should have cancelled the bout. It would have saved us from watching the bears crap on the ramp. Dud

7th Match

Oz came down the yellow brick road to stomp out Tim Parker in 1:23. What a fiasco. Don't ever complain about Vince. Even he'll never top this garbage. Horner is out with an injury. Wonder if it occurred the night before so he could escape total humiliation. You can't tell me Kevin Sullivan enjoys being under the Merlin mask. I hope this thing goes the way of the Ding Dongs and very quick. Fans (at least our contingent) chanting bullshit. Can't find enough negative stars for this one. Count the ones in the galaxy.

Taped Fist Match

Barry Windham beat Brian Pillman with a superplex. Good bout but should have been longer. I also have a problem with Pillman doing the job. It kills him. Once again, he's got guts but he doesn't have the win. Good juice jobs by both. ***

Stretcher Match

El Gigante pinned Sid Vicious with a clawhold in 2:10. Lo and behold, not only did Sid show up but he did the job. And one that made him look worse than horrible. But he didn't get carried out. What did you want, everything? No, just what was promised in the promos. One Man Gand and Merlin came out to attack the Giant right away and beat him with the gurney until he made the comeback. We waved goodbye to Sid as he left the ring. We then picked up the diddly, "Na, na, na, na--na, na, na, na, hey, hey, hey, goodbye." But he was already halfway to the back. -***

Thunderdooom Match

Ron Simmons over Butch Reed in 9:27. Simmons juiced but after 5 minutes, it looked like he never bladed. Reed missed with a chain that Teddy Long (Suspended above the ring) threw him and Ron hit a spinebuster and got the pin. ** $\frac{1}{2}$

World Tag Team Championship

Steiner Brothers retained the titles turning back Sting & Lex Luger in 13:42. Started out slow but quickly became one blockbuster move after another. Would take the whole sheet to explain them all. Nikita came down the aisle and went to nail Luger but Sting pushed him out of the way and Koloff hit Sting with his chain. Scott pinned Sting who juiced big time. This will start their feud. Sting then ran to the back and brawled with Koloff. Match would have been match of the year candidate but the finish hurt this one. When we saw Koloff walking down the aisle we were yelling, "No, go back." No such luck. **** $\frac{1}{2}$

World TV Championship

Bobby Eaton won the TV title from Arn Anderson with a legdrop from the top rope. Great bout but they put it on the worse spot on the card as the fans were drained from the prior match. When Eaton got on the top rope for his finisher, Barry Windham came from the back to interfere but he was headed off by Brian Pillman. ***

World Heavyweight Championship

Ric Flair beat Tatsumi Fujinami with a rollup to retain the so-called held up title. Fujinami was booed upon introduction. Lots of stiff chops and two counts. Tatsumi had Flair rolled up but Ric kicked out and the Jap ref got bumped. Ric used tights and rolled up Fujinami and ref Bill Alphonso made the count. I thought it was better than their Tokyo bout but the finish once again was shoddy as Hell. Why does Dusty do this garbage? Because Dusty is Dusty. *** $\frac{3}{4}$

RAMBLINGS

Notes From SuperBrawl Weekend: Overall I'd have to give the card a thumbs in the middle. The last three matches, Birds-Pistols, Dustin-Taylor, and Pillman-Windham were all decent to excellent. But Josh-Bart doesn't belong here as Nikita-Rich and most of all, Oz. The finishes were bad to boot, even in the good bouts save for Eaton-Arn....First hardcores to see on arrival into Tampa were the Greensboro trio of Hitch & Mitch, and Obin Johnson. The talk of doom and gloom within WCW started early....Saturday was the convention part of the weekend. They had autograph tables set up with Ricky Morton, Tom Zenk, Paul E., Jim Ross, Missy Hyatt, Tracy Smothers, and Jason Hervey. There were alot of people in attendance including a mix of hardcores and the general public. So the WCW employees stayed in character. Paul E. and Missy had an impromptu insult contest as Missy sat at the table with her squeeze (yecchhhh) and Paul stood on a chair. It ended up getting a little tasteless especially with kids at the bar. Our contingent started chanting "Tatum, Tatum." at Missy to which Paul told us we were worse than him....A mild surprise was seeing Ted DiBiase walking around the lobby in the morning. I say mild surprise because the Titan guys on the Tampa card that night were staying in our hotel. When Ted heard that Jim Ross was one of the guys in the bar, he made a beeline for it. Talk old times I guess. Too bad it wasn't to negotiate a contract with Herd....At 4:30 it was time to head for the TV studio for the shooting of Shannon Rose's TV talk show, "Pro Wrestling Weekly". I was the co-host with Shannon and the guests included Dave Meltzer, Bruce Mitchell, Jeff Bowdren, the Miami Herald's Alex Marvez, and AR's own Scott Hudson and Klon. It was a question and answer type format with a few callers thrown in. The funniest moment occurred when Bruce Mitchell said that ladies wrestling is nothing more than a skin show. Well, lady wrestler Penelope Paradise called to differ with that opinion, however, they met at SuperBrawl and "made up". Another curious moment occurred when Shannon asked Alex who his most influential wrestler (something like that) was and Alex answered Bob Backlund. What???? The viewers probably thought he had him confused with "Gigolo" Jimmy Backlund....The show concluded with a segment involving Jim Ross, Paul E., and Shannon where Paul E was hilarious....Saturday night there was an SWA card at the Sulphur Springs Harbor Club in Tampa. Shannon and Paul Spiegel were kind enough to let me ring announce for three of the bouts. Here are the results: 1) Ray the Bull sunset flipped Giant Outlaw. 2) Rick Ryder beat Keno McKinzie. 3) Mohamed Studd beat Mr. Everything (WCW jobber Dave Johnson). When Johnson got in the ring he told me to head out as soon as I announced Studd as they were going at it right away. I practically went over the top rope to escape. I didn't want to take an announcer bump. 4) Pink Cadillac squashed A.J Watson in a ladies match. Cadillac is amonstrous woman who has worked some in Japan. 5) Dynamite Express over Tommy Star & Nuclear Assassin. 6) Raul Mata beat Nasty Ned Brady with a Frankenstein in the best match on the card. Wild bout. Mata is the same guy who worked California way back when. And some people still insist he's only 42 or 43. How about some proof DM. Here's where knowing my wrestling paid off. I was sitting at the ringside table with Paul and Shannon. Brady set himself up against the ropes with his back right over our table. I knew what was coming so I scattered. Sure enough, here came Mata with a clothesline that took them both over the top rope and crashing on our table. The front row which included the Booker, Flattery, and the G-Boro boys started giving me Hell for not taking the hit. They said Tramel wouldn't have moved. What about it Bri. 7) Jeff James and Denny Brown went to a double count out. The highlight of this match was the battle of Nurse Goodbodies. One accompanied each wrestler to the ring. Talk about nothing to the imagination. If you want more in depth coverage of these vixens, check out next month's issue of "Chokehold". I'm sure Lance is doing a whole issue devoted to them. 8) Phil Donavon & Jim Magnum DCOR with the Iraqui and Lebanese Assassin. 9) Lou Perez pinned Bob Cook. After about 3 monutes, Cook looked over at us and said, "I'm tired". Suck it up big man. 10) Jerry "Lightening Foot" Flynn beat Mr. Everything who juiced buckets. Johnson took Buddy Landell's place as he no-showed. He was up in Philly taking Austin Idol's place for Goodheart. Nasty Ronnie had Shannon announce Landell but he didn't come out so Ronnie got on the mic and said, "Buddy has been drinking again. He's stuck somewhere on I-275 and can't make the match. "I know they were n't happy he didn't show but they should have been honest with the fans. Flynn won the match and Ronnie took the bump of the night. After getting clocked with a savate kick to the face, he went over the buckles and crashing to the floor. It was said he may have broken his jaw. 11) Man Mountain Brody (a legit 488 pounder) won a battle royal. After the royal, Pink Cadillac (remember, she's a lady wrestler) came to the ring to challenge Brody. They locked up a couple of times and nothing happened. In a line that will never make Steve's "Line of the Week", Cadillac said, Brody, I want to see if you have more bal_ than I have cli_." Ouch! Familys in the audience. Boy, that hurtSaturday and Sunday night we went to the wildest dance club I've ever seen called Mons Venus. There were lots of memorable lines but two that stand out were Jeff Siegel saying, "Did Mike marry her yet?" and

Vinnie Carolan who compares everything to wrestling saying, Those girls go up and down those poles like Jushin Liger goes off the top rope.".....Saturday night when we got back to the hotel we saw DiBiase and Mark Callas across the street in the Doll House parking lot. Jammie Ward said he and John Henrickson saw them in there with Lex Luger earlier. Would have loved to hear that conversation. Probably Lex saying, "When my contract is up, I'll be seeing you boys". Wait a minute, Jammie and John were in a strip club? How immoral..... Sunday we got up bright and early due to the phone ringing three times before 8:00 a.m.. Klon, Jammie, Henrickson, and myself went to Malenko's school to watch some of the guys work out. The highlight was seeing the "shooters" work which included Jumbo Berretta (who had just come back that previous night from Japan.) Beef Wellington, and Jerry Flynn. The warm-ups these guys do would kill me alone never mind getting into the ring. Boris Malenko was very courteous and I'd like to thank him for letting us come down. We then went to the airport to pick up Mike Lano. (I still say that thing is a Hawaiiin shr't.) At the airport we saw the Bushwhackers, Ted DiBiase (couldn't get away from this guy), Sherri Martel, and Mr. Fuji. Keep an eye out for this angle. Fuji was talking very cordially to the Whackers. And his Orients had just wrestled them the night before in Tampa. I think Fuji is planning on signing the Whackers and dumping the Orients. Why else would he be talking to them?.....Of course, the weekend concluded with the PPV and another trip to planet Venus. At this time I'd like to thank Paul Spiegel who planned this whole weekend and did a great job. Also thanks to Shannon for having me as co-host of his show and to both for allowing me the chance to do some ring announcing. It was alot of fun. Thanks guys for a super weekend!!!!!!

Other News And Notes: Sid Vicious was recently at a B.B. King appearance in Memphis. The paper said Sid was signing autographs for some fans and he had come to Mempho just to see King. Sid's softball team won that night 13-7.....Steve Keirn in Titan as the "Gator Man". Probably in for one last pay day before packing it in. Seems obvious we could have a "Battle of the Reptiles" between Keirn and Jake. Or does Steamboat fit into this as well?.....Speaking of Rick, he's been telling people that he'll be lucky to last two more months with Titan. He can't handle it.....Mike Lano set to book Jim Cornette in the Uwf in Japan. Seems the Japs want to put over a manager. Right choice. Corny is even learning some Japanese for when he does go..... Jerry Brisco was on "Suncoast Sports Talk" last week. When a caller asked him why the WWF always books in the same area as WCW before a PPV, Jerry said the arenas are booked two years in advance. Yeah, right.....Eddie Mansfied saying he has three dates in a row booked in Universal Studios. Will give dates as soon as I get them.....Lex Luger finally getting the belt in B-More at the Bash PPV. Might as well try it. It can't get any worse.....Until, I heard Ric Flair is booked with Dustin the day after he loses the title. Hope Ric likes looking at lights on a ceiling.....Ron Bass now doing some preaching in Florida besides his plant business. Maybe he'll team with Tully as "The Falwells"..... UWF PPV on 6/9 shapes up like this: Williams-Bigelow, Gordy-Muraco, Orndorff-DeBeers, Backlund-Koloff, Power Twins-Killer Bees, Orton & Cactus-Beach& Rey, Blackhearts-Atlas & Cameron (although talk this weekend was Rocky Johnson may team with Atlas.) and a couple of others.....Don't look for Orndorff to manage Sid in Titan. Paul and Rude are both in the process of filing another lawsuit against McMahon.....Global Wrestling editor Tom Burke and fellow hardcore Dan Reilly set to start a wrestling radio show in the Ct-Mass. area on 6/29 at 12 noon. I'll have more info for you potentiaal listeners as it comes in..... Wade Keller puts out the ever popular Pro Wrestling Torch at the cost of \$5.00 for each set of four issues. If you've never seen the Torch, you are definitely missing out. Write Wade at P.O. Box 201844, Minneapolis, MN 55420.

SCOTT HUDSON'S.....

GEORGIA WRESTLING JOURNAL

SID VICIOUS RULES THE WORLD! Then let me be the first of many to suggest that we organize a coup de'tet. Hear ye, hear ye; this is issue 19 of the Georgia Wrestling Journal. Onward...

A SPECIAL EDITORIAL ISSUE OF THE GEORGIA WRESTLING JOURNAL

GEORGIA OFF THEIR MINDS



(Atlanta, GA)- What began many years ago as Georgia Championship Wrestling and eventually evolved into World Championship Wrestling has sheared its roots and abandoned the Peach State.

WCW's Summer schedule is a documented cold-turkey addiction recovery for north Georgia wrestling fans. We had become accustomed to semi-weekly television tapings, monthly Omni shows, and your odd spot show at any one of a number of towns in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Now, we are faced with only 6 WCW shows of any type over the next 3 1/2 months in Georgia. As always, the schedule is "subject to change", but, until further notice, no Center Stage, no Cobb County Civic Center, and only 1 show at the Georgia Mountains Center until at least August 25. While there are more than enough independent shows, Georgia All-Star shows, and Titan shows to keep this column full, the vacuum left by the relocation of the WCW tapings will be hard to fill. The reasons for the moves are important but mostly irrelevant. The fact remains that the WCW is attempting to take their television to what they think are greener pastures and that will greatly alter the appearance of the WCW television product. I wish them luck, but I also wish they would change their mind.

THE NEW WCW PECKING ORDER

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS CENTER (Gainesville, Georgia) 04-30-01 WCW WORLDWIDE WRESTLING FOR AIR THE WEEKEND OF MAY 25, 1991: Ron Simmons over John Peterson..Terry Taylor & Arn Anderson over Dustin Rhodes & Ricky Morton..Sting over Chuck Coates..One Man Gang over Randy Starr..Lex Luger over Tony Ray..Barry Windham over Kenny Dingdong ..P.N.News over Joe Cruz..**NEWS AND NOTES:** Simmons pile-drives the jobber on the floor during his squash..During the tag team match, Barry Windham walks to ringside and taps Morton on the shoulder. Morton turns to Windham, who whispers something to him. Morton then leaves with Windham. Dustin is left solo against Taylor and Anderson for 4:00 until Bobby Eaton makes the save. This is really hot and the crowd loves it..Kevin Sullivan was announced as "Kevin Sullivan" not as Merlin the Magician..During the Windham squash, Brian Pillman (unrecognizable in a San Diego Chicken outfit) comes to ringside. Following the pin, Pillman the Pullet enters the ring and slugs Windham. Feathers fly as the Chicken dropkicks, clotheslines, and high-cross bodies Windham before "pinning" him. Believe it or not, this got over great and had surprisingly good heat..P.N.News is still getting over great. For someone to get over in an urban area like Atlanta as well as a rural area like Gainesville like Paul Neu has says an awful lot about the character..The dark match saw El Gigante, Brian Pillman, & Sting over Arn Anderson, Barry Windham, & Ric Flair when Sting pinned Arn with a sunset flip. During the match, Pillman got heat on Windham by putting his thumbs in his armpits and flapping his arms like a...a...you got it..If you think that I am kidding about this chicken stuff, just watch the show. Just goes to show you how good a booker Jeff Bowdren is..One Man Gang wrestled his squash weraing the leather hood thap he wears to the ring but usually removes before the match.(ATT: 1150. Hot crowd)

GONE WITH THE WHIFF



OMNI COLISEUM (Atlanta, Georgia) 05-03-91: Big Bossman over The Mountie..Legion of Doom over The Nasty Boys by DQ..Tugboat over Col. Mustapha..Sgt. Slaughter over Hulk Hogan by DQ..Ted Dibiase over Roddy Piper..IRS over Jim Brunzell..Jake Roberts over Earthquake..The Rockers over The Orient Express..**NEWS AND NOTES:** The Rockers signed over 200 autographs in 30:00 before the show. They deserve a ton of credit..(ATT: 6100 paid)

GLOBAL WARMING



(Atlanta, GA)- The talk of the wrestling world about one year ago was the groundwork being laid for a possible third major promotion to be organized by Joe Pedicino and to be called the Global Wrestling Federation. Talk about a roller coaster ride! Up, down, around, over, etc. The GWF story has had more turns than Paul Orndorff. Please do not get the idea that I am about to announce a GWF start-up date or anything or that sort. To be totally honest, I do not have any idea as to when that will be. What I can say is that the formation of the GWF is progressing quite nicely. Everyone from Eddie Gilbert to Marla Maples has an opinion on this subject and most have expressed that opinion in one forum or another. However, the only opinions that matter in this scenario are those of Joe Pedicino, Bill Eadie, and their staff. They have espoused a "steady as she goes" attitude since day one. The grandiose plans that were all read and heard through the rumor mill were not necessarily inaccurate, but certainly not the deadline oriented, set-in-stone plans that those who heard them assumed they would be. Joe Pedicino and Bill Eadie have never been anything less than up-front with me regarding the GWF and I believe them when they tell me that the Global Wrestling Federation is an eventuality. They are making a loaf of bread that requires slow and careful baking, not a quickie zap in a microwave oven. Like most things, it just takes time.

THE LAST WORD...

The Atlanta Journal
The
Atlanta Constitution

E2 Wednesday

April 24, 1991.

THE WIZARD OF TECHWOOD: The rumors aren't true. Ted Turner is still making big sports decisions. As owner of the rights to MGM, RKO and pre-1950 Warner Brothers pictures, he gave permission to World Championship Wrestling (a subsidiary of Turner Broadcasting) to use Oz and Merlin the Magician as wrestling characters. Oz will be Kevin Nash, a 6-foot-8, 300-pounder who used to be called **The Master Blaster**. Merlin, Oz's manager, will be (who else?) perennial bad guy Kevin Sullivan. Lest you doubt the cerebral appeal of professional wrestling, note that WCW matchmaker Dusty Rhodes wants the characters to help attract the 2-11 age group...

CAROLINA WRESTLING JOURNAL
by Mike Gunter

WCW-Saturday, 5/25: Diamond Stud (Scott Hall) with Diamond Dallas Page pinned Tommy Angel. Before match, Page picks a girl from the crowd to be Stud's valet. (Not a plant)....PN News pinned Kevin Diamond...Missy Hyatt does an in ring interview with Stunning Steve Austin & Veronica Lane....Sting beats Snake Brown with the scorpion deathlock....Bull Drop Inn segment: Hosted by Jason Hervey & Dusty Rhodes. Guest is PN News. News says, "It's an honor to be interviewed by the original rapmaster-Dusty Rhodes". Dusty and PN rap together. ...Barry Windham pins a jobber. Someone in a rat suit comes out but does not get involved....Terrance Taylor (with Alexandra York & Mr. Hughes) & The One Man Gang (with Kevin Sullivan) vs. Dustin Rhodes & Ricky Morton. Gang tags Taylor by hitting him in the head. Morton leaves and Dustin fights 2 on 1. Dustin gets lots of nearfalls. Gang splashes Taylor by mistake. Hughes gets in the ring, Gang leaves and ref rules a no contest.

WCW Saturday, 6/1: Mr. Hughes destroys jobber. He wears tie, shirt and sunglasses into ring....Barry Windham squashes Chris McGuire. Rat comes out and attacks Windham and mask comes off to reveal Pillman....PN News squashes Al Steele....Johnny B. Badd (former jobber Mark Merro) squashes Kerry Ames. Teddy Long manages Badd. After match, Jim Ross interviews Badd & Long in ring. Crowd chants faggot at Badd....Bobby Eaton squashes Jeff Stone....Nikita Koloff destroys a jobber....Diamond Stud w/Page picks another girl from the crowd (no plant) to be valet and then beats Ricky Nelson....Stunning Steve Austin w/ Veronica squashes Jedd Coates. Missed some moves. Won with a hotshot and clothesline....Bull Drop Inn: Jason & Dusty host Sullivan & Gang. Typical Sullivan interview. Hervey has voodoo doll and sticks a pin in it and Gang goes crazy....Terrance Taylor w/ York & Hughes, gets DQ'd against Big Josh when Hughes interferes. Dustin makes save....Black Blood (Billy Jack Haynes) with Sullivan squashes Tommy Angel. No reaction....Lex Luger squashes jobber... Sting beats Magnum Force #1 with scorpion deathlock. After match, Sting does an interview in ring and challenges Nikita. Koloff comes out but turns to go back to dressing room and Sting attacks. They brawl as show ends....Dark Match: Nikita Koloff & Lex Luger go to a DDQ for U.S. belt as both knock down ref. Same finish as everywhere. Brawl all the way to back...

WCW Saturday, 6/8: Stunning Steve Austin beats a jobber....Arn Anderson wrestles Bobby Eaton for TV title. Neither one has the belt before match. Ric Flair comes out to second Arn. Flair jumps in for DQ and he beats Bobby up to set up the Clash....Missy Hyatt interviews Johnny B. Badd & Teddy Long....Black Blood w/Sullivan beats Mike Johnson....Bull Drop Inn: Jason and Dusty interview Arn Anderson. After Arn leaves, Paul E. comes out and starts to cut on Jason until Jason calls for "Uncle Dusty"....PN News squashes Joe Cruz....Diamond Stud squashes Johnny Meadows. Before match, Page again chooses a valet from crowd and picks a pair of beautiful twins. (Plants)....Barry Windham & One Man Gang vs. Brian Pillman & Dustin Rhodes. During match, another rat comes out and distracts Windham and this allows Pillman to pin him. After pin, Pillman is beat up and hurt...Dark Match: Match was supposed to be Ric Flair vs. El Gigante. Before card the crowd was told Gigante was sick and his place would be taken by Brian Pillman. Since Pillman was hurt in the last TV match, his place was taken by Bobby Eaton. So Eaton subbed for Pillman who was subbing for Gigante. Good match. Goes 15 minutes and Flair wins when Eaton is DQ'd for shoving ref, Eaton bled after eight minutes.

Notes: Crowd was about 4,800 in a 5,000 seat building. Real hot crowd and no sound sweetening will be needed. Of the new acts- PN News and Johnny B. Badd got great reactions, Diamond Stud & Stunning Steve got good reactions, Black Blood got no reaction. First and third shows should be good TV while middle show should be okay. My first TV taping in two years and I enjoyed it.

A couple of last minute notes and a result from Marianne:

You'll find the results from the Joel Goodheart show in the correspondents section but a few notes. Goodheart shelled out bucks for Dick Murdoch's airfare and Dick called to tell Joel he missed his flight and was going to the bar....Dory Funk Jr. who was flown in to take his brother Terry's place, was only used to do a run in since Murdoch wasn't there....WWF TV crew has nicknamed the "Funeral Parlor", Brother Death....Vince's charter arrived at the tapings an hour late and everyone was in a bad mood over it. Was Vinnie irritated?

Marianne's result has been moved to the correspondents section. The evils of doing a sheet. You get to switch at will.

NOTES FROM THE PARKING LOT

By,
Marianne Ryan

Whoever said you can't please all the people all the time must have been an AR subscriber. When I write about my adventures on the road, I'm called a rat. When I write some semi-intelligent things, I've sold out. Oh well. But just so you all know, it has nothing to do with either. When I've been to a lot of matches, that's what you hear about. When I've been sitting around the house, you hear my opinions on all kinds of things. So, since I've just recovered from three days on the road with Sensational Sheri, you'll be hearing about that (I know you're happy to hear that Marilyn).

Anyway, adventures with Sheri actually began when she was in Chicago a month ago. Otis Wilson and Maurice Douglas from the Bears were at the Horizon for the matches. I was running around backstage when I noticed Otis. I ran and told Sheri and she ran out to meet him. We made plans to go out after the show. Otis, Mo Douglas, Sheri and myself all met up at the bar at the Radisson Hotel where we were joined by Nasty Boy Brian Knobbs. By the time we left the bar, Otis decided that if he ever becomes a wrestler, Sheri will be his manager. Mo Douglas also gave me his phone number to keep him informed on when the boys will be in the area. Unfortunately, I've been too scared to actually pick up the phone to call. What can I say, I'm a Bears fan and in awe of any Bears players. I was also impressed with how much it means to Brian Knobbs to have the tag team titles. More often than not, these championships are taken for granted, but he really feels honored to be a champ. A nice show of modesty from someone with his reputation.

Last week, I was the guest of the Million Dollar Man and Sheri at the tapings. The first day was the worst as I sat around the arena for over eight hours. The following day Ted had arranged to get there late (around 5pm), and then he was done early. That helped since we had to drive back to Chicago from Green Bay (a three hour drive). From there, it was down to Valparaiso State University for a house show that was fair. The ride back was great. Sheri, Mike McGuirk and myself complained about men and vowed to go out and have fun, which we did. I finally got home around 5am. It took a day and a half to start feeling normal again, but after all, I did three matches, in three days, in three states. Whew.

I was very surprised to see Power & Glory come out in trunks and tights lately. Paul Roma used to have his trunks cut unusually high so more of his butt hung out. Now everything gets covered. Not that we are missing anything. I also found it interesting who was in the audience the night Prime Time aired Earthquake squishing Damien. It was none other than the Snake Man. Whom you may ask is the Snake Man? Why, he's the guy who takes care of Jake's snakes. When one needs to be fed, he flies out, picks it up and gives Jake a new one. Maybe it was just a coincidence.

I have to agree with Mike Terry's comments regarding Randy Savage. Randy is a tremendous talent, and the sport has lost a lot with him leaving. To give you an idea of what an incredible guy Randy Savage is, there is not a single person I have come across who has anything bad to say about him. And the worst thing that can be said about Elizabeth is that she is as nice and as pretty in person as she is on TV.

If you want to sound like a true insider, start referring to Paul Bearer's Funeral Parlor as Brother Death. That's what everyone at TV calls it. In fact, even the boxes the set is stored in are marked that way.

I wish someone would tell the Anvil that he really should switch jackets occasionally. I'm really starting to get sick of that yellow one. As for Bret's new jacket, I love the design, but the same design on his trunks only makes his rear look enormous. By the way, anyone notice how he doesn't let go of that submission hold until after the ref has asked him a few times.

Well, I should get going so I can start working up the courage to call Mo Douglas to tell him about the matches here the 31st. He is a big fan of Koko B Ware's, who will be in town. I'll tell you all about it, plus my second WCW match next month. Until then, be good, stay cool, and enjoy yourselves.

A NIGHT IN TITAN HELL
by Eric Krol

It was all like a really bad nightmare. I saw squash after endless squash. It all had no meaning.

Unfortunately, I wasn't dreaming. I was at a "Superstars" TV taping on May 6th in Rockford, IL. It was amazing. They drew 11,500 people on a Monday night in the 126th largest market and turned 1,000 away.

At any rate, everything that has been said about a Titan taping is true. Right at 7:30, Finkel came out and fired up the crowd. The man is simply amazing. He announced Piper was a no show because of his "knee injury" and the crowd was pissed. But Howie turned them around when he announced his replacement- "Virrrrrrrgilllll!"

The opening two bouts were tryouts. Mr. Magnificent Kevin Kelly did his AWA schtick and Del Wilkes (Trooper) got a squash win wearing purple trunks as a Scott Steiner type.. He had a hot finisher where the jobber is about to go over for a backdrop and he quickly slams him to the mat ala Boss Man.

Then came squash after endless squash. The whole thing is run very efficiently. The bell rings to end one bout and the next jobber sprints up the aisle. The show had about thirty-five segments, all but 5 were squashes.

Lowlights of the first half included a "Funeral Parlor" where Jake Roberts is wearing his "I'm gonna turn heel persona" and a Sarge-Tugboat TV match where Sarge uses the helmet to win. It was the only non-squash TV bout.

The part of the show that offended me the most was Mean Gene coming out midway for some canned noise and getting the crowd to cheer, boo, then chant "Roddy, Roddy" even though the guy no-showed. The sad part is the crowd actually did what they were told.

The second half of the show saw 5 matches they've been doing around the horn, Bossman-Mountie, LOD-Nasties, Roider-Callous, Ted-Virgil, and Hogan-Sarge, all with the expected finishes. I.R.S. did a good "parlor" segment where he said "the only thing certain in life are death and taxes". He actually got the joke across instead of steamrolling the punchline like he usually does. I guess they don't have a good acting school at Syracuse.

Finally, I had the displeasure of watching the Andre-Earthquake/Hart angle. After five minutes, Andre tells Okerlund that he didn't sign with Hart and then Quake gingerly taps him on the back of the leg with the megaphone and they work on the leg. Refs made the save, which made little sense. I was saddened as Andre hobbled to the back with the refs. He literally stopped to rest three times along the way. Why does Vince continue to desecrate him? Vince should seek some Freudian help for his "Giant-envy".

MORAL OF THE STORY: If Vince and the trucks roll into your market, save your time and money. Stay home and watch "Twin Peaks" or something.

CORRESPONDENT'S CORNER

National Armory (Mid-America) Fredricktown, MO April 19, 1991
Correspondents: John Herron & Scott Eldridge

1) Big Jim Reed beat Scott Hastings. F 2) Johnny Diamond over Gorgeous Junior D 3) Rufus Jones defeated T.C. Carter. F 4) Big Thunder & The Rebel won over Nitro Kid & Big Jim Reed in a best of three falls. B- 5) Riki Jean London over Pure Gold. D 6) Rick Brown & Nolk Mai won the Mid-America tag titles from the Diamond Exchange. A

UIC Pavilion (WCW) Chicago, IL April 28, 1991
Correspondent: Steve Sims

1) Larry Zybysko defeated Big Van Vader via forfeit. (Vader no-showed.) 2) Brad Armstrong russian leg swept (or swept) Jonnie Stewart. ** 3) Big Josh pinned Dutch Mantell with the Earthquake sit. * 4) Dustin Rhodes beat Buddy Lee Parker with a running bulldog. ***½ 5) Bobby Eaton pinned Terry Taylor in a computer match when Dustin ran in, larieted Taylor, and put Eaton on top in front of the ref for the pin. *½ 6) Ron Simmons beat Butch Reed with a school-boy rollup when Teddy Long's interference backfired. *½ 7) The Steiners retained their belts by beating Stan Hansen & Mr. X (sub for Sid) when Scott sunset flipped X from the top rope. Mr. X was Kevin Nash. ** 8) Lex Luger and Nikita Koloff went to a double DQ. ***½ 9) Sting & El Gigante beat Ric Flair & Arn Anderson in a cage when Sting rolled up Arn. ** ATT: 5,000

Aberdeen High School (IWA) Aberdeen, MD May 3, 1991
Correspondent: Bruce Ginevan

1) Golden Phoenix pinned Sunny Blaze. D 2) Larry Winters and D.C. Drake stalled to a time limit draw. F 3) Preston Steele squashed The Iraqi. No grade. 4) Cousin Luke beat Bounty Hunter Max Thrasher. D 5) Jules Strongbow & Preston Steele beat Thunderfeet. F ATT: 500

Findley Arena (IWA-Denver)

Findley, OH

May 4, 1991

Correspondent: Doug Hendricks

1) Jim Evans pinned The Ninja. Evans is WWF jobber. Took good bumps. **
2) Tantalizing Tanya beat The Goddess by DQ after Goddess slugged the ref when Tanya ducked. ** 3) Mr. Outrageous (IWA champ and jobber Al Burke) pinned Kevin Smith. ** 4) Rambo beat Tom Stone. Dud plus. 5) Kevin Smith & Tanya over Mr. Outrageous & The Goddess in a mixed tag. *** 6) Ric Rude pinned Bobby Fulton with the Rude Awakening. Good heat. At one point, Rude slammed Bobby on the announcer's table with the DJ underneath Bobby until Ric took Fulton off of him. ATT: 300 *** for last match.

Dorton Arena (WCW)

Raleigh, NC

May 5, 1991

Correspondent: Mike Gunter

1) Sam Houston pinned El Cubano (Dave Sierra) in 12 minutes. Houston looks real skinny. * $\frac{1}{2}$ 2) Big Josh butt dropped Buddy Lee Parker. * 3) Brian Pimman beat Dutch Mantell with a flying bodypress. * $\frac{1}{2}$ 4) Dustin Rhodes bulldogged Black Bart. ** 5) Young Pistols over Michael Hayes & Master Blaster. (Garvin out with a pinched nerve.) ** 6) Big Van Vader over Stan Hansen via DQ when Stan hit the ref with his bull rope. Slow motion here. $\frac{1}{2}$ * 7) Terry Taylor beat Bobby Eaton after Mr. Hughes clotheslined Bobby on the outside of the ring. Dustin came to explain to no avail. ** $\frac{1}{2}$ 8) Sting & El Gigante over Barry Windham & Arn Anderson when the Giant pinned Arn. *** ATT: 1,000

Valparaiso State University (WWF)

Valparaiso, IN

May 8, 1991

Correspondent: Marianne Ryan

1) Bret Hart pinned Barbarian. ** $\frac{1}{2}$ 2) Earthquake over Jake Roberts via DQ. * $\frac{1}{2}$
3) Col. Mustafa beat Koko Ware. * 4) Power & Glory over Bushwhackers. * 4)
Kerry Von Erich and Warlord were both counted out. **. 6) Ted DiBiase over Virgil. *** 7) Berzerker over Tugboat in the match from Hell. Dud. 8) Ultimate Warrior beat Undertaker via DQ. *

War Memorial (WCW)

Johnstown, PA

May 15, 1991

Correspondent: John Lanigan

1) Ricky Morton sunset flipped Dr. X (Sierra) C+ 2) Tommy Rich Thesz pressed Joey Maggs in 16:41. Some fan was yelling, "Maggs and Ferk." D+ 3) Tracy Smothers pinned Black Bart with a schoolboy in 15:22. C 4) Lex Luger and Nikita Koloff went to a double DQ at 10:23. Koloff did a 360 off a clothesline. B 5) Rick Steiner backsuplexed Dan Spivey in 12:41. C 6) El Gigante beat One Man Gang via DQ when Kevin Sullivan interfered in 8:09. John says he'll take Dino Bravo anyday. Hey, watch how you say that pal. D 7) Brian Pillman & Sting beat Ric Flair & Arn Anderson in 19:02 when Sting hit Arn with a clothesline from the top rope. B ATT: 1,500

Pennsylvania Hall (Tri-State)

Philadelphia, PA

May 18, 1991

Correspondent: Vinnie Carolan

1) The Pitbulls won a 20 man bunkhouse battle royal. 2) Larry Winters & Johnny Hotbody over Rockin Rebel & Jimmy Jannetty. Pitbulls come down after bout and a brawl ensues. 3) Cactus Jack and Eddie Gilbert went to a double DQ in a barbed wire match. The two were all over the building. Cactus got his head caught in the barbed wire and almost sliced an ear off in the process. 4) The Fabulous Ones beat Al Perez & Buddy Landell (sub for Austin Idol) when Cornette hit Perez with the racket and Fabs scored the pin. Landell got on the mic and blamed Cornette & Lane for his being fired from WCW. 5) D.C. Drake beat J.T. Smith when he clotheslined Smith with a chain. 6) Jerry Lawler upended Honkey Tonk Man via reverse decision. Honkey used a chair to score the win but the ref reversed it. Dory Funk Jr. came down and they left Jerry laying. 7) Paul Orndorff beat Rick Rude via DQ when Rude clocked Paul with a chair. ATT: 950

Pittsburgh Civic Arena (WWF)

Pittsburgh, PA

May 19, 1991

Correspondent: John Lanigan

1) Irwin Shyster pinned Jimmy Snuka when he reversed a flying press in 7:42. C 2) Hacksaw Duggan speared Col. Mustafa in 7:58. D 3) Ricky Steamboat flying bodypressed Brooklyn Brawler (sub for Haku). B- 4) Ultimate Warrior over Undertaker via DQ in 10:32 when Callas used the urn. B+ 5) Legion of Doom beat the Nasty Boys via count out in 10:52 when Nasties simply walked out. C+ 6) Bret Hart pinned Barbarian in 13:04 when the ref kicked the rope while Barbie was stuck in a sunset flip. C 7) Earthquake beat Jake Roberts via DQ in 10:24 when Jake threw the snake on Quake. D+ 8) Mr. Perfect drew a Davey Boy Smith in 17:46. A draw at the end of a card? B- ATT: 6,000

LETTERS TO "AR"

WWF Angles

I've seen only a couple of issues of "AR" so far, but already, Mike Terry's column stands out as some excellent work. However, I have some comments on Mike's distaste for a couple of current angles.

Re: Undertaker/casket angle, it seems to me that Vince could have done no less than the suffocation bit to make the Warrior a sympathetic character. Prior to the casket, the Warrior had never sold a single kick, punch, bump or submission hold. He was so 2 dimensional as an invulnerable, superhuman cartoon character that he was boring as Hell. It would take a near murder to convince the audience that he could be hurt at all. Even Hogan played the weakened underdog when he got flattened by Earthquake last summer. It's okay to crush the "Real American", but not a reptile? Sounds like some crazy animal rights activist mentality here, although I'm not accusing Mike of this. The only problem now is, what will they have to do to the Undertaker to make HIM appear mortal and defeatable? An exorcism? The Warrior needs one more than the Undertaker does.

Re: Roberts/dead snake angle, some people think that the most objectional aspect is that the hero had a snake named Damien (aka the anti-Christ) and now a new one named Lucifer. I think that Jake is a very poor example of a face/child role model. What's the difference between suffocating somebody with a snake or in a casket? A lot of people may come out of this thinking that Earthquake is the good guy. Doesn't even McMahon constantly mention how slimy and creepy the snake is when Jake is coiling it around his unconscious foe's throats? In my mind, this is much more sinister than the Undertaker angle, who is at least portrayed as a villain. Perhaps it's because I think that Roberts is overrated, overpushed and past his prime, while the Undertaker has not yet hit his stride.

As far as violence on wrestling TV, take a look at what else is on when you change the channel. The only way to protect your children from TV violence is to smash the set to pieces in a fit of uncontrollable rage.

Vic Stanley
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WCW

Hope you guys have lots of fun at SuperBrawl on Sunday night. Sorry but I just can't get excited about the show. As a matter of fact, I'd probably be better off not even watching a tape of it. I'm still steamed up at the way WCW is treating the Japanese. Some of Ross' comments from the Japan supershow (especially "Jushin Liger learned the top rope DDT from the Steiner Brothers") really pissed me off. NJPW is the top promotion in the world right now, and could really help WCW if they'd get out of Dusty's xenophobic-stale clique-broadways. I hope Fujinami doesn't get screwed over (and you know that if it was Inoki fighting Flair, none of this bullshit would have ever happened.)

Anyhow, while you're all down in St. Pete, up here in Pittsburgh not only will we be watching the mighty Penguins trounce the scum sucking North Stars for the Stanley Cup, but the WWF will be in the same arena the night of game 3 which will be a mother night for wrestling. (Featuring Hennig, Undertaker, Steamboat, Hart, Nasties, Warrior, LOD, and I.R.S.). I'm sure we'll be missing the WCW show. NOT I.

Andy Stowell
Pittsburgh, PA

FINAL WORD

I apologize for this being later than I wanted it to be but I was physically spent from the weekend. Besides, my printer broke. Just kidding. We'll be back June 10 with the next issue. After that one, it'll be back on the bi-weekly schedule.

See ya,

Ron